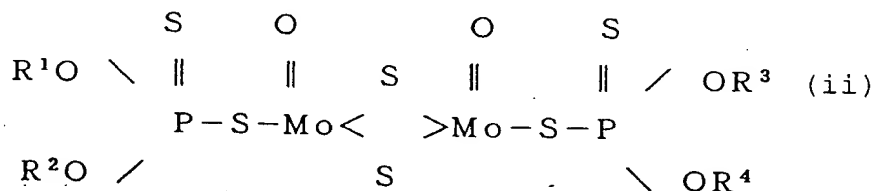
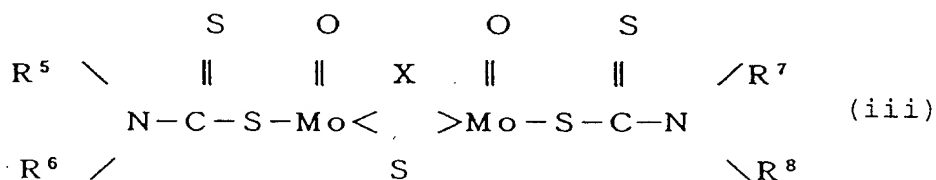


a lithium soap serving as a thickener; and
 at least one organomolybdenum compound selected from the
 group consisting of a molybdenum dithiophosphate of the
 general formula (ii)

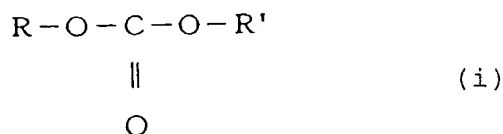


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 independently represent an alkyl group having from 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an aryl group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, and a molybdenum dithiocarbamate of the general formula (iii)

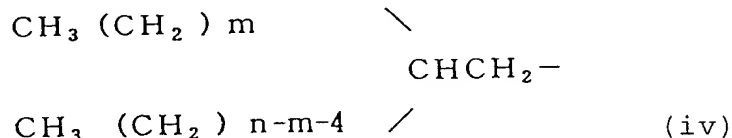


wherein R^5 , R^6 , R^7 and R^8 independently represent an alkyl group having from 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and X represents O or S.

3. (Twice Amended) In a grease composition for lubricating a bearing of information devices, the improvement comprises said grease composition comprising 70 to 95 parts by weight of a carbonate compound of the general formula (i)



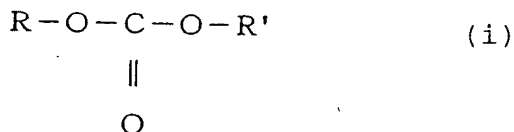
wherein R and R' may be the same or different and independently represent a branched alkyl group of the following general formula (iv)



wherein n = 13 to 15 and m = 0 to 6, and 5 to 30 parts by weight of a lithium soap.

8. (Amended) In a grease composition for lubricating bearings of spindle motors employed in peripheral information devices, the improvement comprises said grease composition containing:

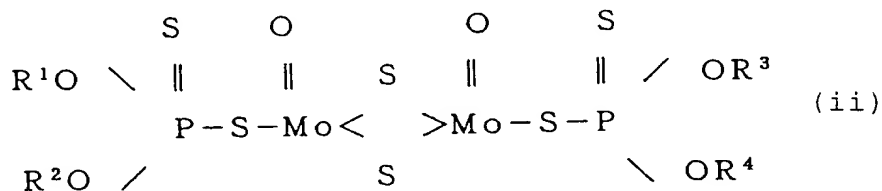
a carbonate compound of the following general formula (i) serving as a base oil



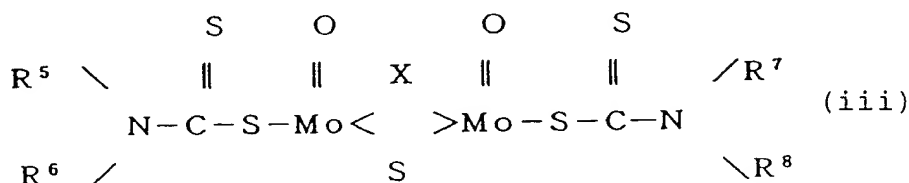
wherein R and R' may be the same or different and independently represent a branched alkyl group having from 13 to 15 carbon atoms;

a lithium soap serving as a thickener; and

at least one organomolybdenum compound selected from the group consisting of a molybdenum dithiophosphate of the general formula (ii)



wherein R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ independently represent an alkyl group having from 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an aryl group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, and a molybdenum dithiocarbamate of the general formula (iii)



wherein R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent an alkyl group having from 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and X represents O or S.

Please add new Claims 10-17 as follows.

10. (New) The grease composition of Claim 1, wherein the base oil consists essentially of a plurality of carbonates of general formula (i) in which R and R' each independently contain from 13 to 15 carbon atoms.

b4 11. (New) The grease composition of Claim 3, wherein the base oil consists essentially of a plurality of carbonates of general formula (i) in which R and R' each independently contain from 13 to 15 carbon atoms.

12. (New) The grease composition of Claim 8, wherein the base oil consists essentially of a plurality of carbonates of general formula (i) in which R and R' each independently contain from 13 to 15 carbon atoms.

13. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the base oil consists essentially of a plurality of carbonates of general

formula (i) in which R and R' each independently contain from 13 to 15 carbon atoms.

14. (New) The grease composition of Claim 1, wherein the base oil consists essentially of the carbonate compound of general formula (i).

15. (New) The grease composition of Claim 3, wherein the base oil consists essentially of the carbonate compound of general formula (i).

16. (New) The grease composition of Claim 8, wherein the base oil consists essentially of the carbonate compound of general formula (i).

17. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the base oil consists essentially of the carbonate compound of general formula (i).

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 8 have been amended to be placed in "Jepson" format in order to have the preamble given patentable consideration.

Newly presented Claims 10-17 have been presented in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6 and 8 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-12, 23 and 25 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/349 465. Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morway et al combined with Doner et al or Tanaka et al. Applicants once again respectfully traverse